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## TEEN-AGE CINDERELLA TALKS TO THE CN

### Julie Andrews' dream comes true

By Edward Lanchbery

**J**ULIE ANDREWS pirouetted in front of the mirror in her dressing room.

"Isn't it beautiful?" she exclaimed.

She was wearing the magnificent white embroidered dress in which, as Cinderella, she goes to the ball in London's only West End pantomime.

"They say that every comedian wants to play Hamlet," remarked Julie Andrews. "Well, if that is the case, I'd say that it is the longing of every young girl to be Cinderella. I know it has always been my dream. And now it has come true!"

The real-life story of 18-year-old Julie Andrews, herself, belongs to the realms of fairy tale.

One Sunday afternoon in 1947 Val Parnell, the managing director of Britain's largest chain of theatres, went to a tea party. And after tea Julie Andrews, a small girl in her best party frock, did her "party piece" and sang some songs.

#### HER FIRST CHANCE

Val Parnell was so taken with her singing that he offered her the chance of singing in Starlight Roof, a revue that he was putting on at the London Hippodrome that autumn.

Julie thought she must be dreaming. So many actors and actresses, even well-known ones, spend half their lives struggling for a chance to play in London's West End; and yet here was she, a young girl, offered her first

in October, but the exact date had not been fixed. If the show opened early in the month, then Julie Andrews' big chance would be lost. She would not be allowed to appear.

Fortunately it was not until the end of October that the show eventually opened, and after all the ups and downs of excitement and heartache, Julie Andrews was able to appear.

She made the most of her chance. She sang with such success that the following year, at the age of 13, she was chosen for the Royal Variety Performance—the variety profession's most coveted honour.

#### APPEALING SIMPLICITY

Meanwhile, from the moment he first heard her sing, Val Parnell had made a mental note that one day he was going to present Julie Andrews as Cinderella.

"So many child performers are inclined to be precocious," he told me. "But Julie was not. She had that appealing simplicity which she still retains. It struck me at the time that she had all the qualities of an ideal Cinderella—youth, freshness, charm."

So Val Parnell continued to keep an eye on Julie Andrews' progress as she gained experience on stage and radio until the time came when he had worked through the rotation of favourite pantomimes and could present Cinderella again.

#### MOST POPULAR PANTO

Cinderella is his personal favourite and undoubtedly the most popular of all pantomimes. This is perhaps because it goes straight to the heart of family life—the kitchen. From that familiar everyday setting the audience is carried away with Cinderella to the enchanted land of dreams-come-true, where the girl in tattered clothes marries her prince.

Apart from this basic, well-loved story which remains the same, every Cinderella pantomime is, of course, a different show

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## CALL FROM THE MINARETS

Muezzins, the men who call Moslems to prayer, have for the first time added a worldly call to their age-long chant.

From their minarets at Kut, Kufa, and Nedjef, in Iraq they have been urging people to be vaccinated against tuberculosis.

The fact that the Muezzins should refer to such a matter is a sign of the increasing concern for the people's health which is now being shown in Middle East countries, six of which are being aided by W.H.O. in a world fight against tuberculosis.

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with new settings, songs, incidents, sketches, and up-to-date touches.

In this year's Palladium pantomime, for instance, Richard "Mr. Pastry" Hearne as the Baron gets himself washed in an electric washing machine! But though this may seem to have nothing to do with Cinderella, it is quite natural, of course, that the Baron should go to the laundry to see about his clothes for the Ball.

For Julie Andrews this has been a Cinderella year of dreams-come-true. This year she was allowed by her parents to wear her first grown-up evening gown. With her 18th birthday came permission for her to wear jewellery; and she has also been allowed to learn to drive a car. And now, to crown it all, Cinderella, in London's only West End pantomime.

"The trouble is," confessed Julie with a shy smile, "I can't get to feel at all grown up!"

## Lambing time

The early months of the year are anxious ones for the sheep farmer, for lambs are being born. This four-year-old boy on a Kent farm seems to know this, for he is here seen taking great care of some lambs.

## TIMEKEEPER FOR THE NEXT 146 YEARS

An amateur clockmaker of Johannesburg, Mr. J. P. C. Rose, has built a grandfather clock which he claims will work without adjustment until the year 2100. He has also written precise instructions for the person who carries out the adjustment 146 years hence.

The clock incorporates a perpetual calendar showing the date and the day of the week. Leap Years are allowed for by a wheel which turns once in four years.

It has taken Mr. Rose six years to build the clock, working in his spare time for 4500 hours, and beginning with raw brass and steel. The intricate cutting of wheels, cogs, and gears was done on a nine-inch lathe at home.

## HIGH MINE

Coal is now being worked 7400 feet up on Tent Mountain in the Canadian Rockies. It is claimed that this is the highest coal-mine in the world.

To reach the coal deposits a road has been cut out of the mountainside with bulldozers. Although the temperature is often below zero the open-cast mining goes on for 24 hours a day.

## MENDING THEIR WAYS—AND HANDWRITING

A new form of punishment has been introduced at Calday Grammar School, West Kirby, Cheshire. Instead of giving lines, the prefects now teach lads the error of their ways by setting them the task of copying half a page of copper-plate handwriting.

The writing is then tested with a ruler, and if any letter is above or below its edge the whole piece has to be copied again.

Punishment apart, the task helps to improve handwriting.

## 40,000 SOUNDS

The importance of sound effects in broadcasting was described at the children's lunch of the Manchester Luncheon Club by Mr. Trevor Hill, acting organiser of the BBC Children's Hour.

He also spoke of some of the ways in which they were achieved, simple effects being that of rustled paper for a bonfire, or a matchbox crushed near the microphone to represent falling trees.

The BBC has records of 35 different sorts of wind noises, and altogether there are 40,000 sound effects in its library.

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Julie Andrews as Cinderella

engagement to appear with established stars in one of the biggest musical shows of the year.

Then, like a cold shower on her excitement, came a snag which brought Julie uncomfortable weeks of anxiety and suspense. By law children are not allowed to give professional performances until they have reached the age of 12. Julie would not be 12 until October that year.

Starlight Roof was due to open



# NEW PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

IN electing M. René Coty to succeed M. Auriol as President of France, the French Parliament has brought a new-comer to the international scene.

A month ago the new guide and guardian of the Republic was little known outside his own country. Now he is a figure of world-wide importance.

M. René Coty, son of a provincial headmaster, delighted the French people with a revealing glimpse of his character immediately after he was elected to his high office.

Instead of spending the night in the magnificent apartments always prepared for a new President at Versailles, he chose instead to go home to Paris for a few quiet hours before taking up the arduous public life which faces him for the next seven years.

## GOOD START

M. Coty has made no personal enemies and his early actions have done much to dissipate the tension and bitterness which surrounded the Presidential election.

He is a Norman, inheriting the sturdy traditions of that ancient stock. As a young man—he is now 71—he took to the law and specialised in the study of constitutions.

Today it is recognised that he has outstanding talents as a constitutional lawyer—a fact which in itself may be of the utmost importance for France.

When the Constituent Assembly after the war was deciding the future government for France, M. Coty was a fierce critic of the type of constitution that was being given to the new French Republic.

He considered that it would produce weakness in government, and the past seven years of unstable administrations have done much to justify his view.

M. Coty has pursued his criticism on those lines. While

others have generally tended to blame the Prime Minister and the Cabinet of the moment when French affairs have gone badly, M. Coty has commented drily: "Why shoot at the pianist when it is the piano which is out of tune?"

Many other Frenchmen of standing and influence also believe that the constitution is "out of tune" and responsible for the political uncertainties which French people deplore no less than do their friends abroad. And the prevalence of this belief might well lead to a structural reform of the democratic republic during the term which lies ahead of the new President.

## GREAT INFLUENCE

Although his powers as French President are limited, M. Coty is much more than a figurehead. He is not only the supreme magistrate of his country; he is the arbitrator in all governmental disputes. He presides at Cabinet meetings and advises on policy.

When a Government resigns it falls upon him to coax another into existence, and as has been seen so often in recent years this can be a difficult and delicate task.

President Auriol's devotion to his duties and his unflagging energies in the past seven years have helped France to overcome crisis after crisis.

M. Coty, taking up the reins, will try now to unite the French political life. If he succeeds he will earn the gratitude not only of France but of the whole democratic world.

## PLANE-SPOTTER TO THE RESCUE

An eight-year-old plane-spotter's knowledge of aircraft probably saved the life of a jet bomber pilot when a piece of the bomber fell off in mid-air recently.

The spotter is Terence Oliver, who lives at Chorley Wood in Hertfordshire, and recognised the crescent-wing plane as a Handley Page Victor when it flew over his garden. He called his father to come and look at it, and as they watched a part of the plane fell away.

Terence's father at once phoned the police and, because the boy had recognised the type of the plane, it was possible for a quick message to be sent to the control

tower of the Victor's base at Radlett.

The pilot, Squadron-Leader H. G. Hazelden, who is the chief test pilot of Handley Page, had not noticed anything wrong with the Victor. But when he received a radio warning, he soon found that a section of his port flap was missing, and knowing this, was able to make a safe landing.

After Terence had gone to bed there came a phone call from Squadron-Leader Hazelden, congratulating him on his smart spotting, and promising him a photograph of the Victor—a prize for observation which he will always cherish.

## BEEES AND MONEY

Market Rasen Modern School Beekeeping Company, whose dividend fell to 4d. in 1952, was able to return a dividend of 1s. for 1953, despite a generally poor season for beekeepers.

The cash profit for the year was £8 18s. 2d., the honey finding a very ready sale.

## 14,000 MILES BY TAXI

In a 19-year-old London taxi three young South Africans have driven 14,000 miles from London across Europe and Africa to Johannesburg.

The old taxi, which cost them only £35, gave them no trouble at all, though the journey took them four months.

## SEARCH FOR WATER IN GUERNSEY

Only 21 inches of rain in Guernsey in 1953, instead of the normal average of 37 inches, may endanger next year's tomato crops. The reservoir water level is now so low that roads and buildings normally submerged are again in view.

The reservoir was formed by building a dam across a point where three valleys meet, submerging houses and cottages. Started in 1937, work ceased during the German occupation.

After the war it was completed, and filled in two months after one of the rare snowfalls in the island. It had been expected that the springs in the valleys would have taken two years to provide the 240 million gallons of water.

The biggest demand is created by glasshouse owners, for the 25-acre reservoir has to serve 1000 acres of glasshouses, as well as the domestic consumers.

Water diviners are now busy pointing out sites for new wells.

## The CN National Handwriting Test of 1954

How's your handwriting? Do you try to write well? CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER hopes to get the answer soon!

Schools and schoolgirls and schoolboys will all welcome the news that the CN is holding another great Handwriting Test, with a big prize list. It will open next week, and as usual will be for full-time pupils of schools and colleges who are under 17. Altogether

## 1318 PRIZES

totalling £500 in value are to be awarded, and the principal winning entrants will gain substantial awards both for themselves and their schools.

Look out for the full announcement NEXT WEEK in CN

## ON THE WORLD'S AIRLINES

More than 52 million passengers were carried by the world's airlines during last year. This is twenty times greater than the number carried in 1937, and seven million more than in 1952.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation, in issuing these figures, points out that 16 years ago the average plane travelled with 5.3 passengers; now there are 24.5 passengers in the plane.

Over 28,000 million passenger-miles were flown in the year. About 300 new aircraft will be brought into operation on the world's airlines during 1954.

## MISSING MEDALS

During the Second Maori War, from 1861 to 1870, 23 New Zealand Crosses for bravery were awarded. But where are they now?

Mr. G. T. Stagg, a member of the council of the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand, is trying to trace these rarest of all awards for bravery.

## News from Everywhere

### SUPERSONIC AT 62

The oldest man to fly through the sound barrier is believed to be M. Christiaens, 62, the French Under-Secretary for Air, who was a passenger in a twin-jet Vantour which dived from 43,000 feet over Istres, near Marseilles.

### For firefighters



These are not the guns of a warship but two plastic water-pipes, each 16 ft. long and weighing only 53 lbs. They are for fire-fighting purposes.

An owl which perched on an oil switch at an electricity sub-station at Lydney was killed by a shock of 33,000 volts, and caused lights to go out for 40 minutes over a large area in Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire.

An ancient lead seal found by a boy at Wellow, in Nottinghamshire, has been given to Mansfield Museum. The seal had originally been fastened to a document sent by Pope Gregory about 1230.

Distribution has begun to needy Berliners of three million lbs. of milk powder and two million lbs. of butter, given by the American Government.

### ART AT SEA

Reproductions of pictures by contemporary Norwegian artists are being hung in all the cabins of the new Norwegian cargo-liner, Buenos Aires. Another new cargo vessel, the Moria, has water colours and etchings in officers' and crews' messes and lounges.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood has completed 21 years as M.P. for Wakefield, Yorkshire. He has been presented with a television set to mark the occasion.

About 10,000 square miles of Northern Rhodesia have been cleared of tsetse fly since 1945.

Mrs. Mary Ann Brand celebrated her 101st birthday in Cambridge, and one of her guests was another lady of 101.

### BUSY TIM

During one month last year no fewer than 2,770,000 Londoners used the telephone-call TIM to find out the time. Since its installation 17 years ago TIM has been used on 454,667,000 occasions, nearly one for each second.

For the first time in its history the famous Whitaker's Almanack contains illustrations. In the 1954 edition there are over 16 pages of photographs of last year's outstanding events and personalities.

China, which once fought wars to defend its opium trade, has become the 21st country to sign the United Nations agreement limiting and regulating opium production.

### YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

New posters issued by the British Electricity Authority bear the words: *Danger—Keep Model Planes Away*, and are being placed near overhead electricity cables.

Last year British aviation exports amounted to £64,000,000, a record. The total in 1952 was £44,000,000. The industry has booked about £64,000,000 worth of orders for gas turbine airliners.

In Kashmir all education is now to be free, from the kindergarten to the doctorate degree. There are ten colleges and 1349 primary schools with a total of 110,000 pupils.

### CORRECTION

Our recent article on dialling 999 wrongly stated that 9 is the figure next to the fixed dial stop. This should have read next but one.



## Where's the treasure?

Luckily we don't have to go out and search for our treasure. In fact we're enormously grateful to all of you who save up and help us at the N.S.P.C.C. to help the children who aren't properly cared for. Are you a member of the League of Pity (the Boys' and Girls' Branch of the N.S.P.C.C.)? It really is worth joining—every penny you save is helping another boy or girl.

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## CN Picture-News and Time Map

**MOOSE** are returning in numbers to the forests of North-western Ontario. A helicopter survey showed that a 53-square-mile island in Lake of the Woods is populated with 130 moose.

**AIR TRANSPORT** between Europe and Africa will be increased by services which will link Paris and Livingstone, in Northern Rhodesia, with stops at Algiers, Kano, and Brazzaville.

**CYPRUS** is digging 4000 boreholes—a task which will take until 1970 to complete—to tap water supplies for the rapidly-growing population.

**CHINA'S** programme of building new mills and modernising others has proved so successful that she expects soon to be self-sufficient in cotton textiles.

**BETTER CLASS ANIMALS** will be reared in South America following the shipment from New Zealand of 138 ewes, rams, and lambs to Uruguay, the Argentine, and the Falkland Islands, and of eleven horses to Montevideo.

**AN 800-MILE RAILWAY** to link the Wankie Collieries of Southern Rhodesia with another line which serves the west-coast port of Walvis Bay is being planned. See news columns.

**THE GREAT RELICS** of the 5000-year-old civilisation at Mohenjodaro, in Western Pakistan, are threatened by the River Indus, which has engulfed some of the ancient structures.

**KANGAROO ISLAND**, a 100-mile strip off the South Australian coast, is being developed so that pasture land will be available for six times the present sheep stocks.

### LONGEST NON-STOP FLIGHT

With the assistance of a strong tailwind, a Douglas DC-6B of the Canadian Pacific Airlines recently completed the longest non-stop flight in the history of commercial aviation. It covered the 4800 miles between Tokyo and Vancouver in 13 hours 51 minutes, an average speed of 345 m.p.h.

The flight was made to test the practicability of making a regular service on this route, as Shemya—the U.S.A.F. base in the Aleutians previously used as a refuelling stop by C.P.A. airliners—is soon to be vacated by the Americans.

On the Vancouver-Tokyo flight, where the DC-6s have to battle against powerful headwinds, a different route (possibly via Honolulu) will be sought.

### BOY SCOUTS' WELL

To provide water supply near their camping site, Scouts of the 34th Taunton (West Hatch) Group are digging a well at a spot in Huish Woods where they themselves, with expert help, found water by the ancient hazel twig divining method.

When the well is built in, at a cost of £300, the Scouts will be spared journeys of a quarter-of-a-mile to the nearest farm.

### FRUIT SALAD TREE

An 85-year-old horticulturist of Ukiah, California, has produced an amazing tree, originally grown in an earth-filled jar. It began as a pear tree, but in due season it now bears pears, apples, grapes, and blackberries.

### HIS PRIZE

Colin Newbound, aged ten, a Bermondsey Wolf Cub, entered the Methodist Scripture Exam and obtained first place in his age group for the whole of England.

Colin was awarded a prize for the Southern District, with a special prize to be added for being the highest in Methodism.

Asked to select a book for himself he said: "Please send a Bible printed in the Kikuyu language to the Wolf pack that tended the grave of the late Lord Baden-Powell in East Africa."

Colin's wish was granted, and not long ago a ship that sailed from London carried his Bible to Africa.

### EARLIEST HORSE

A fossil bed containing eight nearly perfect skulls of the Dawn Horse, the earliest known ancestor of the horse, has been found in a valley 90 miles south of Colorado Springs, U.S.A.

They are described as being "the richest single find known of mammals of the Eocene Epoch, dating back 50 to 60 million years."

Eohippus (Dawn Horse), was an animal about the size of a fox, and it had four toes.

### PRIZE FOR WELSH HISTORY

The National Union of Teachers are offering a £300 prize for the best history of Wales written in the Welsh language, for readers of eleven to 13.

Books entered for the competition will be judged at the National Eisteddfod in 1956.

### NEW RAILWAY FOR AFRICA

New railways are being planned in various parts of Africa, and one of the most fascinating projects is to build a line from the coal mines of Southern Rhodesia to the coast of south-west Africa.

An aerial survey of the area over which the railway may run has now been completed, and the photos are so good that engineers can calculate within an accuracy of two feet how the line will run.

The rich coal mines at Wankie, south of the Victoria Falls, have to use the only railway route available—to Beira in Portuguese East Africa. But if a railway came out on the west coast, it would open up more opportunities for the export of coal. Merchants in South America in particular are interested.

Starting near the Wankie Collieries, the projected railway would run for 800 miles across Africa, passing through the vast territories of northern Bechuanaland, and over the Okavango, one of the continent's greatest, but almost unknown, rivers.

The railway would run for some 500 miles before linking up with a narrow-gauge line at Tsumeb in South-West Africa. This line goes for 250 miles before joining another at Usakos, which serves the busy seaport of Walvis Bay, only 150 miles away.

If such a railway is constructed it will have the additional value of developing the great possibilities of the plain of Northern Bechuanaland as a food-producing area. See World Map

### HAS ANDY COME TO STAY?

Farmers in Britain are watching with considerable interest the career of Andy, a wild potato.

Andy's real name is Solanum Andigenum, and it was brought over several months ago from South America with another dozen of the species to be tested at the Scottish Society for Research in Plant Breeding, at Corstorphine, Edinburgh.

The Society reports that when the potato was planted in soil infested with eel-worm it proved resistant to the disease; and when crossed with ordinary British varieties of potatoes the resistance was well maintained. It is hoped to produce a good resistant strain of potato for general use.

### Her pet



Four-year-old Yvonne Almond of Brynteg, Caernarvonshire, brought this fearsome-looking creature home from Singapore. It is a harmless monitor lizard.

### AVENUE OF MEMORY

A beautiful memorial of trees to Australian servicemen and women is to be dedicated by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they visit Sydney next month.

Avenues and groves, in which each tree will bear the name of an Australian who served in the War or in Korea, are to be planted along the 200-mile-long road from Sydney to Canberra.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will name it Remembrance Driveway at a special tree-planting ceremony.

### FOR PLAYTIME

Our scientific age is reflected at the Toy Fair being held this week at Harrogate. The space ship, space suit, space gun, the mobile rocket-launching ramp, and men from Mars are new favourites with the boys, together with 3-D viewers, cine projectors, chemistry sets, and mechanical models.

Girls' toys are dominated by the domestic and mechanical, for they include working models of washing machines, electric irons, and vacuum cleaners.

### BYGONE TOYS

A fine collection of children's furniture and toys is being acquired by Bradford Corporation for Bolling Hall Museum.

Containing over 200 pieces, it is of great historic value, embracing the period from 1600 to 1850. It includes a walnut doll's cot of the late 17th century, and a Chippendale doll's house.



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## It happened this week

A new feature in which the C N reports historic events in "eye-witness" fashion.

### LETTERS ANYWHERE FOR ONE PENNY

JANUARY 10, 1840.—From today letters may be sent to any part of Britain for one penny. This is wonderful news, previous postage rates having been, for instance: For a single-sheet letter from London to Edinburgh, 1s. 1½d.; for two sheets, 2s. 3d.; for three sheets, 3s. 4½d.

In future, postage on all letters must be paid by the sender and not, as formerly, by the receiver. Pre-paid "labels" to be fixed to each letter can be obtained from any Post Office.

These welcome reforms are the result of the efforts of Mr. Rowland Hill, the Kidderminster-born mathematician, who began studying postal reform five years ago.

His inquiries established that much time and labour was wasted in marking each letter separately, varying the price of postage according to weight, the distance it was being sent, and its number of sheets.

He claims that cheaper postage rates and the speeding-up of receipt and despatch will result in more letters being sent, and a consequent increase in revenue.

Critics of his scheme argue that it is unjust to charge the same amount for delivering a letter one mile from the office where it is posted as for delivering a letter sent from London to Edinburgh. Mr. Hill argues that the distance travelled makes only a fractional difference to the principal cost in dealing with letters—the collection and delivery.

The "penny post" was first advocated by Mr. Hill in a pamphlet he published in 1837, "Post Office Reform." The public welcomed the idea, but the Post Office authorities at that time disliked it.

(The penny post was a great success, and in 1846 a grateful public subscribed £13,360 for Mr. Hill. He became secretary to the post office in 1854, and was knighted in 1860. What were called "labels" in 1840 are now familiar to us all as stamps.)

### SIR JOHN MOORE KILLED IN ACTION

JANUARY 16, 1809.—Sir John Moore, general commanding our troops in Spain, was killed today in a battle at the coastal town of Corunna.

This is the tragic sequel to a three-week retreat by the British expeditionary force through the wilderness of Galicia, during which our men have suffered great privations.

Transports for the embarking of the British force were delayed, with the result that Sir John had to give battle to a French force under Marshal Soult. He died at the height of the action.

The Glasgow-born commander, Continued in next column

ON THE AIR—By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and T V Correspondent

## UP-TO-THE-MINUTE NEWS ON TV

AS reported in this column last week, Sound Radio is to broadcast "hot" news on Tuesdays and Fridays direct from the spot in which the action is taking place. Now developments in up-to-the-minute news can be expected on T V.

How to handle "hot" news in T V has been a problem on both sides of the Atlantic. Mobile units are insufficiently mobile to be raced to the scene of every news story, and a T V newsreel necessarily involves several hours' delay.

The BBC has lately been conducting closed-circuit tests in the Lime Grove studios to discover how up-to-the-minute news can be made visually interesting with film sequences, still photos, and



News Editor Tahu Hole

rapidly-drawn maps and diagrams. In charge of the experiments is 45-year-old Tahu Hole, a New Zealander who has been BBC News Editor since 1948.

If the tests are successful it is hoped to start a daily T V news service in April, beginning each evening at 7.30, in which the first ten minutes would contain "hot" news, probably presented by news-readers, followed by the more general newsreel. The weather charts and forecast would be broadcast at the normal time of 7.55 p.m.

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who was only 47, will be buried with full honours near the sea.

Sir John's strategic retreat, much criticised in military circles at home, is now recognised as having achieved its purpose of upsetting Napoleon's plans and giving the Spaniards a respite against the French invader.

Sir John had a long and distinguished military career. He took part and was wounded in the capture of Calvi, in Corsica, in 1794; fought in the West Indies, Ireland, Holland, and Egypt.

When only eleven he was nearly killed by the young Duke of Hamilton. Sir John's father, Dr. John Moore of Glasgow, was tutor to the 16-year-old Scottish Duke at the time. The Duke was pretending to run young Moore through with his sword, when the boy slipped and the sword pierced his body. From that day onwards there was a warm and lasting friendship between the Duke and the man who was almost his victim.

### Jazz on ice

ALTHOUGH we are to see less of Steve Race and his orchestra in Teleclub, they are to take their jazz on the ice for a new monthly series of T V skating programmes at the Queen's Club, Bayswater, beginning in February. Peter Dimmock, Assistant Head of Television Outside Broadcasts, tells me each programme will feature at least two outstanding stars of the ice.

Playing musical instruments alongside the ice has its own special problems, especially in T V. According to Steve Race, the instrumentalists are acutely conscious of the cold air rising from the rink, and, in the case of a pianist like himself, the fingers tend to go numb. From overhead, however, the spotlights can have a roasting effect!

Strict tempo offers another difficulty. At the speed sound waves travel, a dancer on ice can lag half a beat behind the band in the few seconds it takes to cross the rink.

### Just in case!

MORE and more well-known sound radio producers are taking courses in T V. One of them, Michael Barsley, caused a stir in the studios a few days ago.

In the course of tuition he was producing a "closed-circuit" performance of A. P. Herbert's one-act play, Two Gentlemen of Soho. Halfway through he downed tools and signalled a breakdown. Everything stopped and the famous notice "Normal Service will be resumed . . ." was flashed on the studio screens.

"Where's the breakdown?" he was asked.

"Nowhere," was his reply. "I'm practising for the real thing."

### 'Twixt sky and earth

I HAVE disappointing news for listeners to Charles Chilton's rocketship serial, Journey into Space, in the Light Programme. Recently it was planned to have "Jet" Morgan ranging inter-stellar space for another three months. But Chilton has had second thoughts.

"I consider 'Jet' needs a rest," says the author. "It would be a pity if he overstayed his welcome; even a space-ship can run aground and invention dry up. Let's suspend him for a time 'twixt sky and earth."

But I can promise that Jet Morgan will resume his travels in the late Spring.

### Rally preview

Sunday's preview of the Monte Carlo rally in the Light Programme will stress the unique interest of this year's event, for competitors from Britain. (See article on page 11.)

For the first time in Rally history the cars will stay on their wheels throughout the 2000-mile journey.

A new ramp on the Channel ferry Lord Warden will enable them to run straight on instead of being hoisted by crane.



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**ROUND THE TOWNS**—Alan Ivimey pays a visit to the county town of Shropshire . . .

# SHREWSBURY

THIS is an ancient borough which shares with Bungay, in Suffolk, the distinction of being on a site almost encircled by a river. But Shrewsbury's river, the Severn, is very much bigger than the modest Waveney. Sweeping out of Wales, it is fed by a thousand mountain torrents on its way to the Bristol Channel.

This natural noose of running water leaves a narrow neck of land towards the north and in this, blocking the entrance to the town, the Normans built a castle. Saxon and Briton had, in their turn, lived here before, and no doubt had some sort of fortification here too.

MANY of Shrewsbury's visitors are on their way to or from Wales, and the town's importance for centuries lay in its borderland position.

The Welsh looked across to it from their wild hills and saw it as an easily reached market for their cattle and sheep, and the gateway for trade with wealthier England. They saw it also as an important place to capture in any war that might be going on.

From the English point of view this walled town with its castle was a strong point on the perilous borderland called the Welsh Marches. Henry I greatly strengthened its defences, but that did not stop Llewelyn I capturing it in the year 1215.

Edward I used it as a headquarters in his campaigns against Wales, and it was here that a Parliament—the first to include representatives of towns—was summoned in 1283 to try and to condemn the last native prince of Wales against his sworn overlord.

The Castle still stands much as Edward I rebuilt it, though it was never attacked after his time until the Royalists lost it, by treachery, to the Roundheads during the Civil War.

After that it gradually began to fall into ruins until, in 1926, its

red sandstone towers and walls were bought by the patriotic Shropshire Horticultural Society, restored to their 13th-century appearance, and presented to the Corporation.

IT is necessary to understand this defensive background to understand Shrewsbury. Because it was strongly defended and set in the midst of fine farming country it became prosperous. Because it was confined within its walls inside the tight loop of the river, every inch of space was needed. And because so many of its merchants became rich it became full of fine houses and churches and possessed a splendid Market Hall.

The citizens long ago gained a tradition of being proud of the town's appearance and have done all they can to preserve it. And there is plenty of room for modern development outside the peninsula, beyond the water.

The result is that old Shrewsbury, having taken its very shape and character from the necessity of keeping strangers out, now prospers as a place which attracts them in. The invasion of tourists goes on all the year round.

THE eastern side of the loop of river is crossed by the English Bridge, and the western side by the Welsh Bridge. It is possible to walk from one to the other, across the peninsula, along the site of the old town wall, parts of which are still preserved.

Doing this, it is noticeable that the town did not try to fill all the space available but left a wide strip between ramparts and river. This probably allowed for flooding and made a good field of fire for the citizen crossbowmen manning the walls. But now it is turned into tennis courts and bowling greens and a handsome park called The Quarry.

Strolling along we come to a stretch of roadway called Murivance. The builders of these defences spoke Norman-French, and this was the point where the "murex," or walls, made its biggest "avance," or projection, inside the loop.

FROM Murivance the old main thoroughfare, under four different names, runs straight through the town till it reaches the top of the hill. It then has to bend to pass the Castle at the neck of the loop and so out into open country.

Part of this street is called Shoplatch and indeed, if you like queer street names, visit Shrewsbury. The steep street up from English Bridge is called Wyle Cop. Cop means hill, of course, but what Wyle really means no one seems to be quite sure. The road up from Welsh Bridge is called Mardol.

THE steep rise of Wyle Cop provided one of the sights of the town 150 years ago. This was the arrival of the London mail coach. Under expert handling the four horses would come sweeping over the bridge at full gallop, dash up the short hill, make as wide a sweep as possible at the last moment and then thunder through the narrow archway into the yard of The Lion without so much as a scratch on the paint.

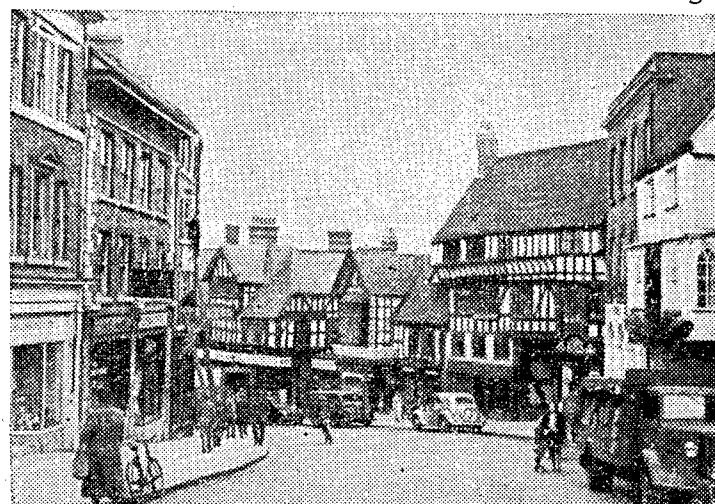
Just beyond the inn is yet another street with a strange name—Dogpole. It leads past the great church of St. Mary's, whose tower is part pink-mauve sandstone and part white stone. Inside it has some of the most famous glass in England, including a wonderful Jesse window.

THERE are still a number of the old merchants' houses to be seen—such fine examples as Rowley's Mansion, Owen's Mansion, and Ireland's Mansion, whose black-beamed fronts are wonderful pieces of craftsmanship.

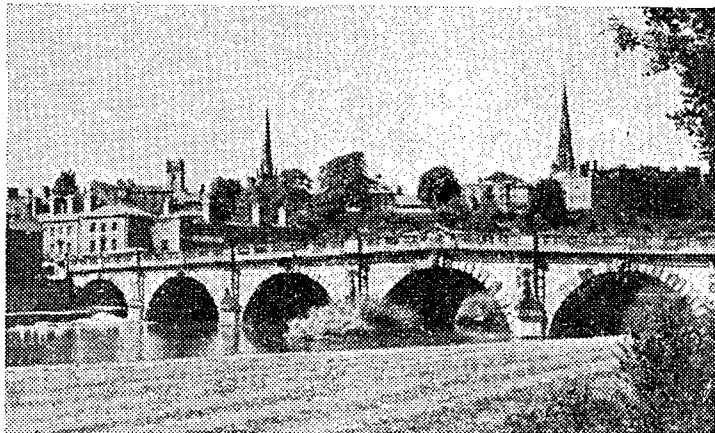
In the vaults of the Guildhall I was shown a ceremonial Standing Cup, with a cover, and a tankard of rare Commonwealth silver. These were made in London and presented in 1654 to Thomas Hayes, mayor, for his services during an outbreak of plague.

They eventually disappeared from the town but in 1951 came into the hands of a dealer who wrote to the Corporation about them. The Shropshire Horticultural Society promptly bought them and presented them to the town.

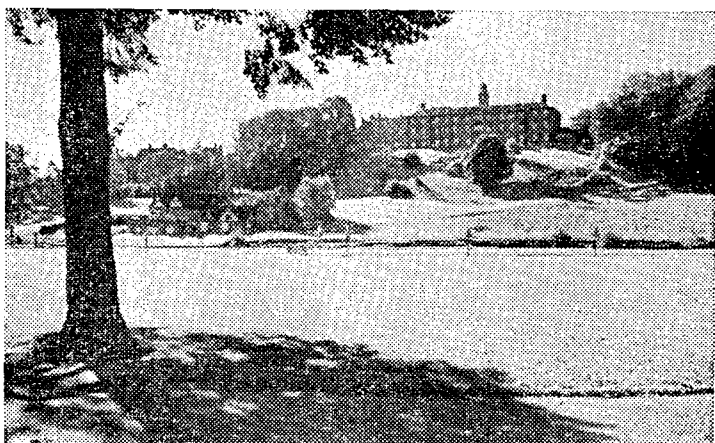
TO the north, and well outside the loop is a new industrial area where Shrewsbury's name



The steep street called Wyle Cop



The English Bridge across the Severn



Shrewsbury School standing high above the river

is made still more famous by the building of burglar-proof safes and strong-rooms and also by diesel coaches and hardware.

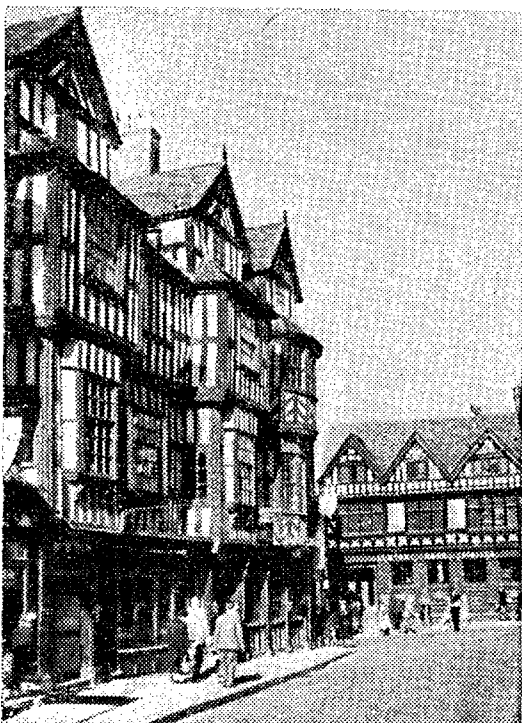
Away on the south side is the suburb of Kingsland, to which the famous Shrewsbury School moved in 1882 from its ages-old site (now the Library) near the castle. Philip Sidney was a boy at the old school and so was Charles Darwin.

Now it stands high above the town with splendid playing fields overlooking the Severn. In the summer the bumping races held by

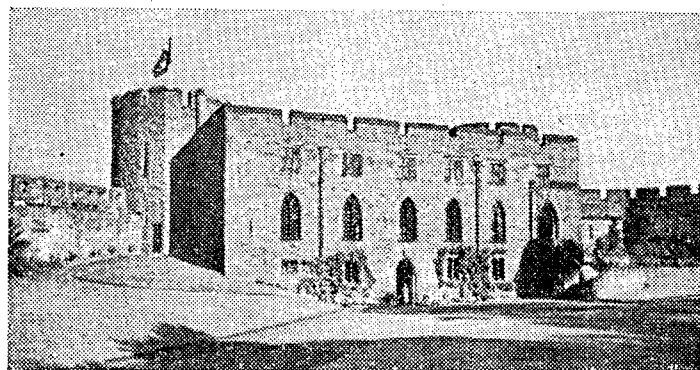
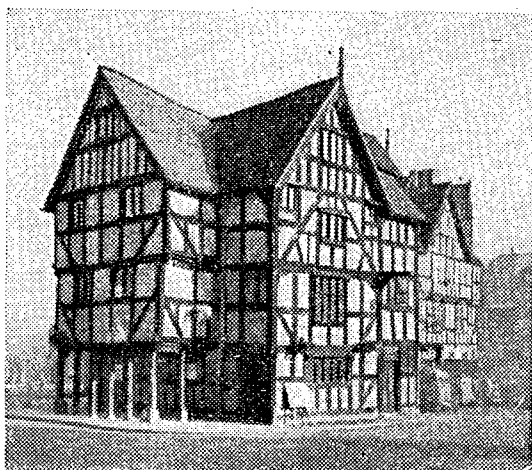
this famous rowing school are one of the events of the town's year.

THE height of the Shrewsbury season, however, is the Horticultural Society's Show, which is now combined with a Music Festival. All Shropshire comes to it and the fine support it receives has enabled the Society, as we have seen, to make magnificent gifts to the town from time to time.

The county is proud of its capital, and if you spend a day there you will soon see why.



Two of the lovely houses of the old merchants—Ireland's Mansion (left) and Rowley's Mansion



The centuries-old castle at Shrewsbury



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## SO LET US STRIVE

We give here the closing passages of an essay by 13-year-old Robert Nye, of Westcliff—an essay which was awarded a first prize in a competition organised by The Arbitrator, the Journal of the International Arbitration League. There can be no one who will not agree that it is a remarkable piece of writing for one so young.

WE have talked of great and famous men who have sacrificed their entire lives to bring tranquillity to the earth—good and glorious names which we all acknowledge and respect.

But mere grateful recognition is not enough; all of us, whether influential or insignificant, clever or poorly-educated, great or small, black or white, must realise that these men were not sent only as saviours but also as inspirations, and that instead of merely erecting statues and chronicling their deeds, we must follow their example and strive to do something, however little, to add to or even surpass their accomplishments.

How wonderful and complimentary if someone could honour each of us with an epitaph quoted from our English poet, Tennyson:

*Dead, who had served his time,  
Was one of the people's kings.  
Had labour'd in lifting them  
out of the slime,  
And showing them, souls have  
wings!*

Let us all fervently hope that those wings will be the organs of the power this weary world needs the most—Peace.

## Under the Editor's Table



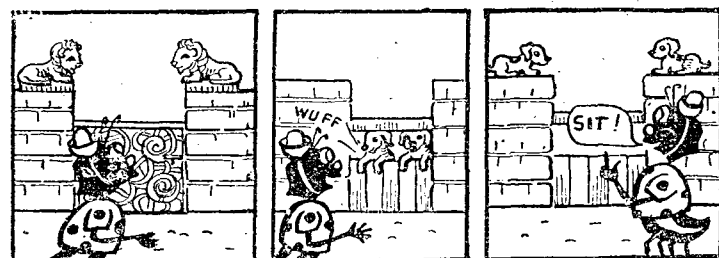
PETER PUCK  
WANTS TO  
KNOW

If coal merchants are often called over the coals

Some people delight in forming a queue. It's their line.

We cannot build a better world with a cartload of complaints, someone says. Is that one of them?

BILLY BEETLE



## THE TRUTH ABOUT SMUGGLERS

THE notion of old-time smugglers as gallant and romantic adventurers was exposed as myth in a recent lecture to young people by Mr. R. C. Jarvis. An authority on the history of smuggling, he said he knew no subject on which so much "balderdash and poppycock" had been written.

He illustrated the cruelty of 18th-century smugglers with contemporary prints showing them torturing and murdering a Customs officer. Those of Napoleonic times, he pointed out, were simply traitors trading with the enemy, or bringing French spies into Britain.

Smugglers are not the only characters falsely endowed with a romantic air. Highwaymen, too, so far from being "gentlemen of the road," were ruthless bandits, preying on defenceless travellers.

Our ancestors would be surprised if they could know what glamour has been given to men whom they knew to be dastardly criminals.

## Think on These Things

THE Midianites, who lived on the other side of the river Jordan from Israel, troubled and molested the descendants of Abraham and tried to take the rich land they farmed.

God at last called on Gideon to deliver the children of Israel from the plundering Midianites and he secured a great victory—the story is told in the Book of Judges, chapters 6-8.

Grateful for the deliverance Gideon had brought, the Israelites made him a tempting offer: "Come and be our King," they said. But Gideon said "No," and answered that God alone was their King.

Only a strong-willed man could refuse such a tempting offer of power. He did so because he was humble as well as strong. F. P.

Barbers like talking. Are always ready to cut in on a conversation.

Curry has no special warming properties. But it can burn the tongue.

Most children want their parents to get television. Parents say "We'll see."

Astronomers say there is a bridge on the Moon. They can't get over it.

# The Editor's Table

## Well played!

WHEN, nearly a year ago, Australia's two leading lawn tennis players became professionals it seemed inevitable that the Davis Cup would leave the country.

Ready, however, to don their mantle were two young players, Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall. And these two, now aged 19, have filled the gap bravely.

Lew Hoad played magnificently against the Americans to equal the score, and we can well imagine the feelings of Ken Rosewall as he walked on the court for the deciding match; he had recently been off form, but now victory for his country depended on him alone.

That he did not fail we all know. The youth of Australia had risen to the occasion. Well played!

## Village signs—14



This sign at Headcorn in Kent was erected in 1951 to mark the Festival of Britain.

## No more a-haunting do they go

ACCORDING to the President of the Folk-lore Society, the "ghost population" of Britain has dwindled almost to nothing, the reason probably being "better street lighting and heavier traffic."

It would appear that spooks cannot stand the glare and noise of modern life. Brightly-lighted streets are no setting for their dramatic appearances; they need a dim, eerie glimmer to get the best effect, and the clattering of chains, unearthly groans, and mysterious pattering of ghostly feet are quite lost in the hubbub and vibration of passing lorries and buses.

Yes! It's a hard world for ghosts, gradually being deprived of all their old haunts. But, in the words of a character in one of R. C. Sherriff's plays: "We've always had ghosts and I expect we always will."

## JUST AN IDEA

As George Meredith wrote: Hug your forces so as to believe in them, and bide your time. It is sure to come to those who are faithful to themselves.

## PAST AND PRESENT

WHAT is the past tense of shear? According to a recent New Zealand report, a Maori sheep-shearer "shore" almost one sheep a minute.

The Oxford Dictionary gives "sheared" as the past tense, with "shore" as an archaic form. But countryfolk like to maintain tradition, and so they preserve the old word and say, "I shore a sheep yesterday."

And we doubt if any dictionary will ever persuade them to alter the practice.

## TV in its place

A PLACE for everything and everything in its place—that is a piece of advice to be borne in mind at all times, and not merely as a corrective for the habit of leaving a hockey stick in the bath or books on the gas stove.

So it is encouraging to know that just as young people (eventually) sort out their material belongings, so they are sorting out radio and television.

Dr. M. M. Lewis of Nottingham University said recently that he did not see any inevitable conflict between radio and children's reading; and he added that there was no evidence to show that television reduced the amount of children's reading.

Because they are growing up with TV, our boys and girls can be trusted not to let it deprive them of their sense of proportion. There is a place for TV in our lives, and we shall benefit from it all the more as we keep it in its place.

## Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, January 19, 1924

ONE of America's leading musical magazines has been conducting a very interesting experiment.

It asked its readers to name their favourite hymns, and 32,000 answers were sent in. Abide With Me led with 7301 votes; Nearer My God to Thee was second with 5490 votes; followed by Lead, Kindly Light, Rock of Ages, and Jesu, Lover of My Soul in the order named.

## THEY SAY . . .

SCIENCE is an imaginative adventure of the mind seeking truth in a world of mystery. Sir Cyril Hinshelwood

WITH all its faults, the United Nations is a living organisation which has gone farther towards organising security than any other body in modern history.

Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, Junior

IF worship is not just to be an escape from reality, it must be related to the reality of daily life.

The Archbishop of Canterbury

WORK can be good fun, and I am convinced that a child, given ample work to do, will do it willingly and cheerfully and is far happier than playing and fooling about.

M. D. I. Davies, Chairman, education committee of the National Association of Schoolmasters

WORK isn't noble—it's just healthy.

Film actress Paulette Goddard

THERE is a great deal of money in athletics, but it is all being paid out—by athletes themselves.

18-year-old Anne Pashley, British women's sprint champion

## Out and About

IT is a strange glistening world that greets the eye early on a sunny morning while the hoar frost still lingers. This is true even in a town garden, where a patch of grass and a few evergreen bushes are still white with rime.

If there is enough frost to show on the country road, then the hedges will be white on the early leaves and the side of the twigs that caught the cold breeze. The direction of the breeze accounts for this common sight of hedges, or furrows in the field, or trunks of trees catching a white frost on one side only, offering an artist perfect subjects for pencil-drawing.

The same effect can be caused more noticeably though not so often by snow when it falls in a cold wind. Farmhouse and barns, the farmyard barred gate, the old rick at the near side of the field—all show the same light-and-dark colour scheme in various patterns. C. D. D.



OUR HOMELAND

The delightful almshouses at Quainton in Buckinghamshire



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The C.N. Naturalist reports on countryside events, and especially on

## VISITORS FROM AFAR

AN American blue snow-goose recently appeared at Delting in the Shetland Isles, the first recorded in Scotland.

Only once before has this rare visitor been seen in the British Isles outside a zoological collection; that was shortly after the war, when some appeared in Wexford Harbour.

Nesting on Bassin Island, Southampton Island, and the Perry River region of Arctic Canada, where its haunts are increasing, the blue snow-goose brings the sign of Spring to the Eskimo when it returns to breed. Its normal migration southwards in autumn takes it to the swamps of Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico, and the one which reached Britain this winter had probably been blown off its course.

The blue goose is by far the rarest of the three snow-geese known to visit Britain. The others are the greater snow-goose, a handsome white bird from Greenland, and the lesser snow-goose from the Hudson Bay.

Some naturalists think that the blue snow-goose is only a colour phase of the lesser snow-goose, and apart from its white head and upper neck, the rest of its body is wholly darker than that bird. The blue is mainly on its wings.

MANY countries in Europe are now equipped with bird observatories, where migratory birds are fitted with numbered metal identity bands or rings on their legs.

In the new report of the Norwegian bird observatories, Mr. Holger Holgersen, organiser of bird-ringing in Norway, not only records a record year when 28,197 migratory birds were marked there, but the recovery in the British Isles, and farther afield, of several of these birds which leave Norway and cross the North Sea or the Continent for the winter.

The Norwegians are specially pleased to have had their first ring-ouzel recovered abroad (migrating through southern France), and their first robins reported in their winter haunts in southern France and southern Spain. Some surprise journeys included those of a young shelduck (a piebald seaside duck) which crossed the North Sea to Scotland, and a woodcock which went to Spain.

A sanderling (a small, whitish seaside wader) marked on migration continued to the Canary Islands, some grey plovers carried on to Denmark, France, and Morocco, a chaffinch to Portugal, and common terns to Africa. One of their oyster-catchers turned up in Norfolk—the second proof of the Continental oyster-catcher visiting Britain, whose native oyster-catcher is a different race with a thicker and less finely pointed bill.

THE British countryside has been having the mildest winter within living memory. It was not exactly Spring, but from all parts came reports of Spring-like hap-

penings. In Lancashire a blackbird was sitting on a nest with four eggs at Carnforth in mid-December, and over 100 yellow irises were counted in flower in the great reed-bed where the bittern lives at Leighton Moss, Silverdale. Another blackbird, in Cornwall, actually hatched its young.

Primroses, green dog's mercury, and yellow lesser celandine were flowering in Lakeland, and more than 80 kinds of blooms were lingering on from autumn. House-sparrows were building in many places, and rooks and herons had been watched carrying sticks at their nests, probably in courtship display. Swallows were seen until late in November.

Among reports of butterflies in the mild winter weather were the common small tortoiseshell (often mistaken for a "red admiral") disturbed from its normal hibernation.

IN a recent communication to the Zoological Society, Miss Myfanwy Price of Bangor University described her special study of the water-shrew, chiefly from southern England.

These little animals, which inhabit our brooks and streams, live about 14 to 19 months, dying off in the autumn or winter of their second year. They do not usually breed in their first year, but from mid-April to September of the following year they have at least two litters, or probably several litters.

E. H.

### CHANTREY'S OLD SCHOOL

The demolition of a building at Norton, Sheffield, has snapped a link with a great benefactor of British art. It was the school-house where the famous sculptor Sir Francis Chantrey learned his first lessons.

The records show that Chantrey began to read on April 16, 1787, when he was six, to write in January 1788, and to do accounts—arithmetic in October 1792.

But he also showed his artistic talents early, and it was a wood carving of the head of his schoolmaster, Thomas Fox, that earned him his first money, 6d., from an impressed stranger.

He went on to make the fortune which he left to the nation for the encouragement of art—the Chantrey Bequest.

### FASTEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Major Charles Yeager, of the U.S.A.F., first man to fly through the sound barrier (in 1947) is once again the world's fastest man.

High over the Mojave Desert in California a Superfort carried Yeager in the new Bell X-1A rocket research plane, up to 30,000 feet. On leaving the "parent" plane, Yeager used part of his rocket power to shoot up to 80,000 feet.

He then switched his rocket engine full-on and flashed through the upper air at 1600 m.p.h.—more than twice the speed of sound!

## On the Royal Route

# TO SOUTH ISLAND

From a New Zealand Correspondent

THIS Wednesday will be a very full day for the Queen in Wellington, among her engagements being the laying of the foundation stone of the new cathedral, a meeting of the Privy Council, and a garden party at Government House.

On Friday the Royal party will travel over New Zealand's steepest railway when their train takes them on the 50-mile journey from Wellington across the Rimutaka Mountains to Masterton.

Special engines make use of a third rail, but this mountain railway will soon be a memory, for engineers are driving a tunnel under the Rimutaka Mountains.

Land-seekers from Wellington founded the farming townships of Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, and Featherston 80 years ago.

Motoring back from Masterton to Wellington the Queen and the Duke will see in the Wairarapa Valley much of New Zealand's finest sheep and cattle country, which is close to the four towns through which they will drive.

ON Saturday the Royal party will fly across Cook Strait from Wellington to an airfield less than 50 miles away, near the pleasant farming centre which early settlers called Blenheim.

Over the mountains from Blenheim to Nelson is another short flight.

Nelson was the first British settlement in the South Island, its founders having sailed from London in 1841. The Province of Nelson is now the Dominion's greatest apple-growing district.

Not far away is the bay which the Dutch navigator, Abel Tasman, called Murderer's Bay in 1642 because Maoris killed some of his sailors. Two centuries later it was renamed Golden Bay following the first important discovery of gold in New Zealand.

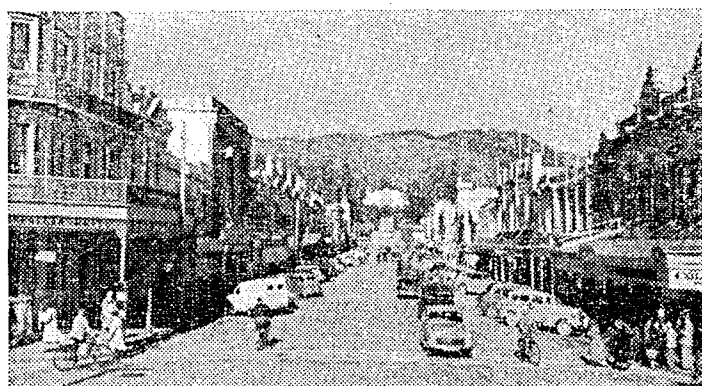
FLYING over more mountain ranges, the Royal party will find themselves viewing the breakers of the wild western coastline of the South Island. At river mouths are the towns of Westport, Greymouth, and Hokitika, each of which the Queen will visit.

Hokitika is a small country town which depends on farming and timber for its living. Greymouth is the centre of New Zealand's greatest coalmining district, while Westport is another outlet for the Dominion's high-grade coal.

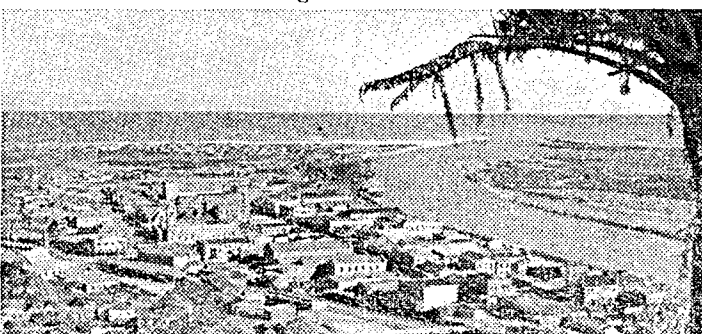
NEXT Monday, travelling by train from the west coast to the east coast, the Queen and the Duke will cross the Southern Alps by way of the five-mile Otira Tunnel and Arthur's Pass.

Then the Royal party will cross the well-farmed Canterbury plain to the very English-looking city of Christchurch, on the River Avon. It is now New Zealand's second city in population, though a century ago it was a village in a swamp.

On Tuesday the people of Christchurch will greet their Queen in the broad Cathedral Square.



Trafalgar Street in Nelson



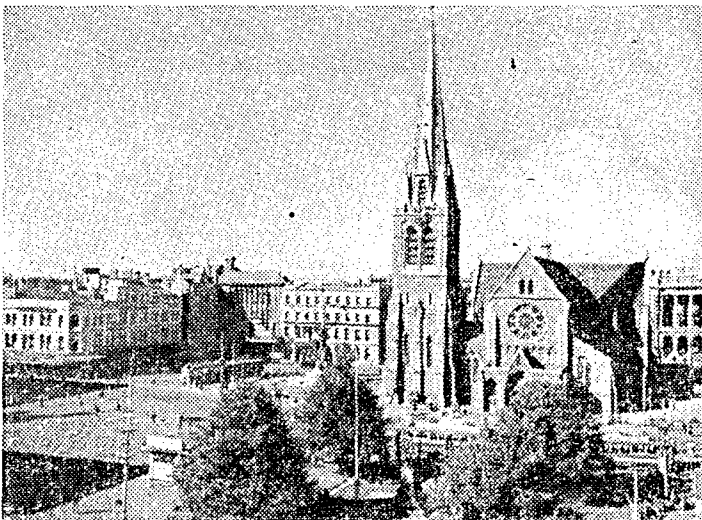
The seaport of Greymouth



Hokitika, starting point for tourists visiting the glaciers



Arthur's Pass, where road and railway cross the Southern Alps



Christchurch, the "Garden City of the Plains"



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## MAKING RAIN WITH DUST

An Australian scientist has introduced a revolutionary theory about rain which may be of great importance for the whole of mankind. That indeed is the opinion of Mr. Casey, the Minister in Charge of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

The scientist, Dr. E. C. Bowen, appears to have established a close connection between days of heavy rainfall and showers of meteors through which the Earth passes on known days each year.

According to Dr. Bowen, every year, on certain days of October, November, December, May, June, and July, the Earth passes through streams of meteors and meteoric dust from outer space.

### AFTER EFFECTS

He has established that days of very heavy rainfall occur almost simultaneously at many places, particularly in the Southern Hemisphere. These days of heavy rain appear to occur about 30 days after the Earth has passed through a meteoric shower.

His conclusion is that it takes about 30 days for the fine meteoric dust to percolate down through space to the level of rain clouds, and that it then causes them to produce excessive rain.

Now Dr. Bowen is about to put his theory to the hard practical test by dropping dust on the clouds from aircraft flying over Sydney.

If his tests are successful the aircraft will fly westward to the drier parts of western New South Wales, in the sheep country, to see if he can bring rain there.

### HOME-LOVER

A black cat belonging to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sharp, of Red Hill, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, has made its way 200 miles back to its old home at Rock, in Cornwall.

It had been missing for six months, and was found back at Rock by the R S P C A.

## Steps to Sporting Fame

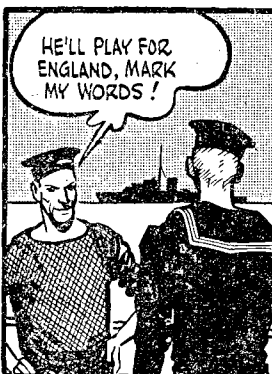
## Jimmy Dickinson



Alton, Hampshire, looks with pride on the great footballer it has produced in Jimmy Dickinson, Portsmouth and England left-half.



Jimmy, at school, had as his sports master Mr. Eddie Lever, who played for Portsmouth and has since become manager of the club. Jimmy knew, even then, that football was to be his career.



Portsmouth, of course, was the club he always thought about and eventually he joined it—in 1944. Meanwhile, he had service in the Royal Navy to occupy his greater attention.



Dickinson played the first of his 32 matches for England in 1949 and has been a pillar of strength in Portsmouth's team for years. He helped the club to win the Championship in 1949 and in 1950.

## BIBLE SALESMAN ON TREK IN EAST AFRICA

An adventurous journey through Somalia in a station-wagon has been made by the Revd. L. V. D. Ashley, who set out from Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, to distribute Bibles.

Somalia is that arid strip of East Africa which borders the Indian Ocean from Kenya to the Gulf of Aden. Since 1950 it has been under Italian trusteeship.

Mr. Ashley, on the road over the frontier from Ethiopia, watched a group of women waiting for hours round a muddy water-hole in the vain hope of scooping up a calabash-full of brackish water. One woman stopped the station-wagon (which had been given to Mr. Ashley by the people of Manchester) and asked for a drink. She was carrying a small baby. When asked what happened if no car came along the road, she replied simply: "We die."

The Somalis live by their cattle, driving them from water-hole to water-hole. As thousands of hoofs tramp along, the dust they make is seen like a cloud in the sky over the flat, arid land.

In Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, Mr. Ashley was able to sell portions of the Bible in the Somali language. There is, in fact,

hardly anything else for the educated Somalis to read. In ten years' time Somalia is likely to be handed over to its people as an independent State, so the need for more literature is urgent.

The wagon took the road at four o'clock in the morning from Mogadishu. The first thing the travellers saw was a river of clear water—the Shibeli. There was not another river for 600 miles.

Skirting the borders of Ethiopia and Somalia, the Bible salesman found customers among the soldiers at the customs posts. He also watched a long camel train loaded with the tents and belongings of a wandering Somali family as the caravan plunged through the soft sand.

### FLYING CLASSROOM

Airborne classes are now a permanent feature at the Sorbonne University in Paris. Science students go up in planes to study atmospheric disturbances and cosmic rays, and it has been found that they learn more in one flight than in many hours spent in examining maps.

Further educational flights are being planned over Switzerland, Sweden, Holland, and Belgium.

Over the border of Ethiopia the authorities insisted on putting two soldiers into the wagon as a guard. For 70 miles the road trailed round the base of low, sandstone hills, and as the wagon rattled and bumped over the potholes a flock of ostriches kept pace with it by the side of the road.

The frankincense trees, growing where the Wise Men got their supplies, looked like so many dead sticks, and gave no hint of their precious fragrance.

That night Mr. Ashley slept in the wagon, but sold some of his scriptures to the soldiers in the village garrison before he went to sleep. Another 80 miles through soft sand, where the car needed pushing every few miles as it sank deeply into a sand-track, brought the party to Hargeisa, the capital of British Somaliland.

Here the huts of the Somalis are built of heavy, closely-woven grass mats thrown over a semi-circular wooden frame, all of which fits neatly onto a camel's back. A whole village disappears and is on the move in an hour.

This happy facility makes the Somalis independent, but it also makes the task of a Bible salesman—looking for customers—more difficult!

The Children's Newspaper, January 16, 1954

## POOH AND THE BOTERMIKE

What three story-book characters would you invite to your tea-party? This was the fascinating subject of an essay competition run by the St. Pancras Journal in London, and it had a wide response. Thirteen-year-old Jill Crowe of Camden School, who won first prize in the Grammar Schools section, chose Peter Pan, Winnie the Pooh, and Toad of Toad Hall.

"I had invited these three characters," she wrote, "because, when I was younger, they had been my favourites, and I always think that the older the friends the dearer they are to you."

### TEATIME TOPICS

Toad arrived noisily on a motor-cycle, and then the fun began:

"First Peter asked Pooh Bear what the 'thing on wheels' was, and Pooh replied rather uncertainly, 'Well, as you know I am unfortunately a bear of very little brain, but I think it is called a "botermike" or some such name, and it wakes you up in the middle of a beautiful dream about pots and pots of honey all for tea, or whatever kind of a dream you have, by making a beastly noise like a "tigger" when it is angry ..."

Later Pooh composed a song:

*I hate those beastly Botermikes  
They're horrid, noisy things,  
They've got a lot of knobs and spikes  
And wheels and those such things.*

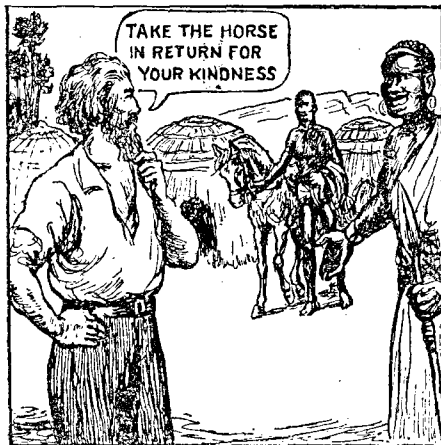
Then it was Toad's turn:

*Make way for the wonderful Toad.  
Poop! Poop!  
For he is king of the road. Poop!  
Poop!*

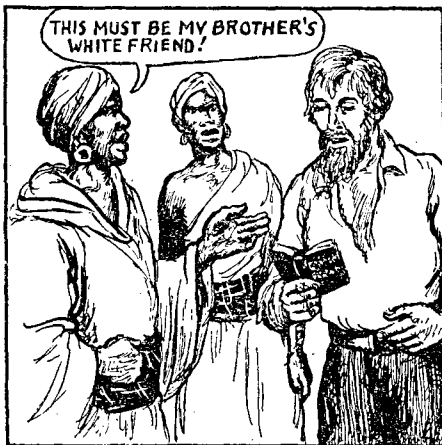
"And after this came such dreadful boasting that I cannot repeat it."

The party ended when fairy Tinkabell called for Peter, who flew out of the door. Pooh stumped off down the lane, and Toad departed with great uproar and speed on his "Botermike!"

## THE AFRICAN JOURNEYS OF MUNGO PARK—picture-story of a famous explorer (11)



The headman of the next village Mungo reached was indignant to hear the white man had been robbed. He sent out his men to hunt the thieves. Later they returned with Mungo's horse and clothes. The poor horse was almost a skeleton now and useless to the traveller. He gave it to the headman, and walked on to Kamalia, where he went to the house of Karfa, whose brother he had met previously.



Some of the other traders declared that Mungo was an Arab in disguise. But Karfa produced what he called a "curious book." It was an English prayer book. Mungo read extracts from it, which proved, said Karfa, that he was a white man. Karfa, who was a slave-trader, was very kind to Mungo, caring for him when he fell ill, and promising to take him to the coast after the rains had ceased.



Mungo stayed at Kamalia for seven months, Karfa giving him clothes to replace his rags. During this period the explorer collected and wrote down much information about native customs. At last Karfa was ready to leave for the coast with a troop of slaves he had bought. Mungo grieved for the fettered captives, but noted that Karfa did not ill-treat them. Accompanied by some free travellers, the party set out.



The journey would be difficult and dangerous, Mungo had been told. Ahead lay a wide uninhabited region, full of wild beasts and haunted by robbers. In one place they saw, to their alarm, a large herd of elephants. But the animals let them pass without charging at them. When they had crossed this wilderness, they heard that a band of 200 marauders had planned to attack and plunder the party.

Can Mungo hope to reach civilisation with Karfa? See next week's instalment



# DANGER MOUNTAIN

by Patrick Pringle

Jack and Robin Hilton are with their parents in Switzerland, and go ski-ing with a Swiss girl, Junge, whose father, Rudi, is a ski instructor. They track down and help to capture a gang of forgers working in the mountains, but the Chief of the gang, Dr. Marcus, gets away. Junge and the boys follow him to the railway station, where a Swiss detective named Ritter goes to arrest Dr. Marcus; but it is Jack who finally catches him after a swim in the river.

## 20. Happy ending

It was a very white Christmas Day. During the morning it snowed so hard that no one went out ski-ing. Not even Jack and Robin, for they were both tired out, and stayed in bed until mid-day.

The midday meal was Christmas dinner, and the dining-room was gaily decorated with lots of little Christmas trees with lighted candles. When the boys went in, everyone clapped and cheered, and

notes, which were easy to distribute, as there were no frontiers to cross. One day Anton could not go down to the hotel, so Harry sent Fritz instead—with the notes in a black attaché case.

"It's getting clearer," said Jack. "Otto was just a thief, then?"

"Just a thief. The police wanted him in Basle, so he came back to the village where he was born and broke into the hotel where he had worked. He got into Marcus's room, saw an attaché case, and forced the lock. When he saw the contents he did not stop for anything else. Then—"

"You can miss out the next bit," said Robin.

### When Otto was hungry

"All right. Otto got away from you at last, and doubled back to Edelberg early in the morning. He had plenty of money now, and he was hungry; so he went to a shop on the Frutigen road, the shop of Rocco the baker—"

"We were mugs!" said Jack. "Fancy not thinking of that!"

"To come back to Marcus," went on the detective. "When he heard of the theft he denied the attaché case was his. When Otto was caught, he had him taken out of the public prison and put in Marcus's private prison, and they tried to make Otto tell them where he had hidden the money. Otto did not know it was forged—and they did not know that Otto had already spent one note, or that Harry had made his first mistake in the engraving."

"How did you get on to Marcus?" asked Jack.

"I followed in your footsteps. The manager telephoned to Berne, and I came down the next morning. I followed the forged note back to Henri, in the bar, and then to Rocco, the baker. Meanwhile, I had been told about Otto's brother, Emil, so I went to the power station. Emil told me the truth and let me search the place. I found the attaché case under a floorboard, and took it back to Edelberg—"

"We watched you through Junge's field-glasses," said Robin.

### Magnets under the trains

"No wonder you suspected me!" The detective laughed. "Well, by then I was suspicious of Dr. Marcus, so I followed him up in the chair-lift, but he had already disappeared. I was there to see Husky brought in, and when I questioned him he told me a lot. Then I came down again, still looking for Marcus. I met you instead."

"And we did not tell the truth," said Junge.

"But I did not believe you," laughed Ritter. "And after what Husky had told me, I was sure you were on the track of Marcus yourselves. So I followed you."

"What about those things they stuck under the trains?" asked Jack. "The containers with the notes in them, I mean. I suppose they had magnets."

"Very powerful magnets. They were like the limpet mines that frogmen used during the war—except that they carried notes instead of explosives, and were stuck on trains instead of ships. One man put them on at Edelberg, and other men took them off at Paris, Rome, Brussels, London, and—"

"How did they get them across the Channel?"

"By the Night Ferry. It was all so simple. A train may be thoroughly searched at the Customs, but no one thinks of looking underneath. We thought the forgeries were the work of one gang, and we were watching the frontiers—"

"That's why you jumped off the train at Basle," said Robin suddenly.

"Oh, yes! And you reported me to the police at Berne—they pulled my leg about that."

"It's a fantastic story," said Mr. Hilton, after a pause. "Marcus must have made thousands."

"That reminds me," said Robin. "You owe him 40 francs. You never paid him back the money he lent us for hiring our skis."

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## ENGLISH COINS

### 6. The Plantagenet Kings

IN 1158 Henry II introduced new designs for a coinage which lasted almost all his reign. These "Tealby" pennies, so-called from the large find made in Tealby in Lincolnshire in 1807, show the facing bust of the king with sceptre, and on the reverse a



cross with small crosslets in the angles.

New coins, called "short-cross" pennies because of the pattern on the reverse, were introduced in 1180, and though struck in the reigns of Henry II, Richard Lionheart, John, and Henry III, the king's title remained Henricus Rex (see picture).

In 1247 clipping of the coins became so common that to prevent this the "short-cross" was extended into a "long-cross." The title on the obverse then became Henricus Rex III.

The famous "sterling" pennies issued by Edward I in 1279 had a similar portrait, but the reverse was changed to a cross with three pellets in the angles. Pennies of these types were issued by Edward II and III.

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# SPORTS SHORTS

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EPSOM racecourse, world famous on account of the Derby, will be the scene of a very different race on Saturday, when the inter-Counties cross-country championship will be run. The team race is again expected to be a battle between Lancashire, who won last year, and Yorkshire, winners in the preceding four years.

MARGARET ALI, of the Brentwood A.C., will never forget her first attempt at the Essex women's three-mile cross-country championship. This 16-year-old coloured girl not only won the title, but beat Phyllis Green, the holder and former National women's cross-country champion.

FOOTBALLERS have been testing British socks claimed to be mud-resisting and unshrinkable.

NINE British athletes will be competing on Saturday evening in the first indoor meeting of the French A.A.A., at the Palais des Sports, Paris. The team includes miler David Law, Brian Hewson, the A.A.A. half-mile champion, G. M. Elliott, our pole vault champion, and John Savidge, Britain's leading weight putter.

TERRY HOGAN, 18-year-old Watford boy, must be one of our best all-round junior sportsmen. During 1953 he took more than 100 wickets for the Watford Y.M.C.A.; scored 28 goals for their football team; won 17 out of 18 table tennis games in the Watford local league; and in a basketball match helped the Y.M.C.A. to run up a record score of 162 points. Terry's own total was 72 points.

JEAN DESFORGES has been awarded the Forder Trophy as the best champion of the Essex Ladies A.C. Last year she won three National titles—80-metre hurdles, long jump, and pentathlon; she set up a new British long jump record with a leap of 19 feet 5 1/2 inches; and she was elected captain of Britain's women's international team.

IN a Rugby match between a Canterbury and an Ashford team every member of the Canterbury fifteen scored in their 82-0 victory.

HARRY PARKS, one of the former well-known cricketer brothers who played for Sussex for more than 20 years, and later became a first-class umpire, is to be the new cricket coach at Taunton School.

ON Friday the M.C.C. open their first Test of the present West Indies tour at Kingston, Jamaica. The last Test played at this lovely ground (in 1948) resulted in a win for the West Indies. Only three of the present M.C.C. party played in that game—Len Hutton, Godfrey Evans, and Jim Laker.

## ANGER MOUNTAIN

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"Oh, that's good!" Mr. Hilton brightened up. "He's unlikely to claim it now."

"You can't let the boys have their skis for nothing," his wife reproved him. "It would be like living on his ill-gotten gains."

"I suppose it would," said Mr. Hilton grudgingly. "Still—"

"There's a collection-box on the mantelpiece for a children's hospital," Mrs. Hilton told him.

"Good idea." Her husband took out 40 francs and gave them to Robin. "Go and put them in. What are you looking at them like that for?"

"Just making sure they aren't duds," said Robin with a grin.

When he came back his father was frowning.

"I seem to be 20 francs out on this," he said. "Jack, I gave you two 20-franc notes for Dr. Marcus, and only one was a forgery. What happened to the other?"

"We had to spend some of it when we were investigating," said Jack. "Had to buy some apple juice we didn't want."

Ritter nodded approvingly. "All detectives are allowed money for expenses," he said.

Just then the hotel manager struck a chord on the piano, and in burst Father Christmas, to receive great applause from the children in the lounge.

Father Christmas was drawing a

sledge piled high with parcels wrapped in fancy paper. He dragged it round the room, overturned it once, and finished up by the Christmas tree.

Then the manager started to read out names from a list. After each name, one of the children went up and got a present from Father Christmas, amid much clapping and cheering.

Robin looked worried. Jack felt uncomfortable, too.

But the last name was read out, and the last present given, and as Father Christmas disappeared the boys relaxed as they realised they had been spared.

There was another chord on the piano, and Father Christmas came back, carrying three pairs of brand-new skis.

There was a great burst of applause, and the manager did not need to read out any names.

Junge got her pair first, and then Jack—who also received a new pair of ski boots—and the biggest cheer of all was given for Robin.

"I say, it's stopped snowing," he said when he sat down again. "What about trying them out on Danger Mountain?"

"Good idea," said Junge and Jack together.

"Oh, dear," said Mrs. Hilton, as the three carried their skis out. "I wonder what on earth they will get up to this time."

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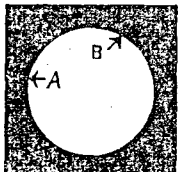
The CN Astronomer writes about next week's...

## ECLIPSE OF THE MOON

THE Moon will be totally eclipsed on the night of January 18-19, but unfortunately the eclipse will not occur until after midnight, though a faint dusky shadow will begin to creep over the Lunar disc soon after 11.30 p.m.

This is the penumbra produced by the shadow of the Earth only partially obscuring the Sun, as seen from the Moon.

This penumbral area on the Moon increases as the great sphere of the Earth comes more and more between the Moon and the Sun, until near 1 a.m., when the Earth's complete and dark shadow will appear at the left side of the Moon where indicated in the diagram.



The eclipse of the Moon begins at A and ends at B

This dark shadow will continue to encroach until by 2.16 a.m. the Moon will become totally eclipsed and remain so for half-an-hour, after which she will begin to emerge on the other side. Not until 4.13 a.m. will the Earth's dark shadow, or umbra, leave the Moon's surface where shown in the diagram. The dusky penumbra, however, will remain for another hour.

All the details and times are known with great precision many years before, and can be calculated for thousands of years, if need be,

because a particular eclipse will recur after a certain length of time.

That an eclipse of a certain character repeated itself every 18 years and 11 days was learned in very early times. So the Chaldean and Egyptian priest-astronomers who followed the succession of all celestial events with as much precision as possible, were able to predict with remarkable accuracy the recurrence of the eclipses of the Sun and Moon.

This recurrence of eclipses of a particular type became known as the Saros period. It occurs everlastingly at intervals of 6585.32 days—that is, about 18 years, 11½ days. Modern astronomers know the exact time to within a second or two, because the Sun's motion along the ecliptic affects it, and needs to be taken into account.

The eclipse, which will occur on Monday night next, was preceded by one exactly similar late in the afternoon of January 8, 1936, which began with the Moon entering the umbra of the Earth's shadow at 4.28 p.m., some eight hours earlier than Monday's eclipse.

The artificial interpolation of five instead of four Leap Years occasionally during the 48-year period has now to be taken into account when calculating, but in early times Leap Year precision had not entered the Calendar.

G. F. M.

## By car to Katmandu

Future expeditions to Mount Everest will have one great advantage over Sir John Hunt's party. Instead of having to carry all the stores across 70 miles of difficult Nepalese countryside to Katmandu, travellers will be able to use motor transport.

A new road has just been completed by units of the Indian Army aided by local workmen.

About 100 tons of high explosives were used to blast a way through the hills, while bulldozers and other modern road-making equipment were winched across the hills on overhead ropeways.

### CN PRIZEWINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners in CN COMPETITION No. 42—five girls and five boys who each received a Giant Cracker in time for Christmas. They are:

Anne Chadwick, Sunderland; Heather Flory, Stanmore; Margaret Hayes, Southgate; Jacqueline Smart, South Norwood; Hazel Wilmot, Draycott; John Haynes, Bolton; David Morgan, Bramhall; Peter Ormerod, Cheshire; Roy Shears, Portsmouth; John Waite, Grimsby.

Solution: Pencil-box; Crackers; Tiddley Winks; Needlework Basket; Teddy Bear; Football; Aeroplane; Book; Snakes and Ladders; Roller Skates; Satchel; Slippers.

## FOUR-FOOTED HOME HELP

A house dog in more senses than one is Bramble, a Labrador, who has displayed his accomplishments in Children's Television, and is to appear again.

Bramble is a domestic help as well as a watchdog, and he begins his day collecting the papers from the roundsman at the gate and taking them to the dining-room table. Then he deals with the letters.

Should forgetful master leave his brief-case behind, Bramble will race after him towards the station with it.



Next comes the task of helping to feed the chickens. Bramble carries the cabbage, and brings back the empty feeding bowl. Then he fetches the eggs—holding them with great care in his soft mouth.

Shopping is the next job. He carries the basket for mistress, and if she happens to stop and talk with a lady who has a snappy little dog on a lead, Bramble sits guarding the basket, all the while ignoring the provocative yelps of the ill-educated one.

When Master comes home Bramble meets him at the door to carry in his brief-case, and then fetches his slippers. On the evening run he likes to carry a shining electric torch! Indeed there is nothing he likes better than fetching and carrying.

Bramble belongs to Mr. E. L. Harland of Effingham Common, in Surrey.

## ALL ROADS LEAD TO MONTE CARLO

Next Monday the Monte Carlo Rally begins, and there is a record British entry of 121 competitors.

This Rally is a severe test of drivers and cars, for in five days the competitors must cover 2000 miles of country which includes several snow-covered Alpine passes.

Stirling Moss will be driving a Sunbeam Talbot with the same team, D. Scannell and J. Cooper, with whom he finished second in 1952. They will start at Athens,

a very difficult route because of the night journeys across the Balkans.

Other competitors include the Duchess of Newcastle, a newcomer to the Rally, and Sydney Allard, the winner in 1952. Another entry is by two sergeants from Hendon Police College.

Maurice Gatsenides, of Holland, will drive the same Ford Zephyr in which he won last year's Rally.

There will be 21 British makes of car represented.



Enter now!

Cut out the words 'Jaffa Oranges' and make an original picture!

# Great Jaffa Fun Competition

# JAFFA ORANGES

It's easy—it's fun!

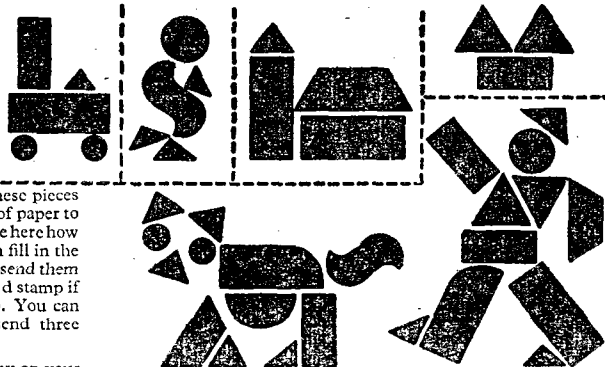
Win one of these magnificent prizes!

All you have to do is cut out the differently shaped pieces that make up the big words "JAFFA ORANGES" above (it's easier if you stick them on thin card first). Stick as many of these pieces as you like (but don't cut into the black) on a piece of paper to make an interesting and original picture. (You can see here how easy it is to make lots of different pictures.) Then fill in the Entry Form, stick it on the back of your picture and send them both in with Three Jaffa Orange Wrappers and a 2d stamp if you are not yet a member of the Jaffa Fun Club. You can enter as many times as you like, provided you send three Jaffa wrappers with each entry.

**IMPORTANT** Be sure to fill in your age last Birthday on your Entry Form, because there are separate prizes for each of these three age-groups: 1. Under 9 years old. 2. 9-12 years old. 3. 13-16 years old.

**Quickly—enter today!**

The competition closes on Monday, February 8th, so get your first entry in as soon as you can. Ask your mother to get some Jaffas, save the wrappers and get cracking on your picture. A prize may be waiting for you! Send your entry to: Jaffa Competition (1), Brettenham House, Lancaster Place, London, W.C.2.



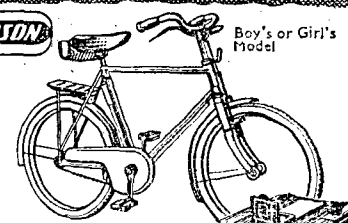
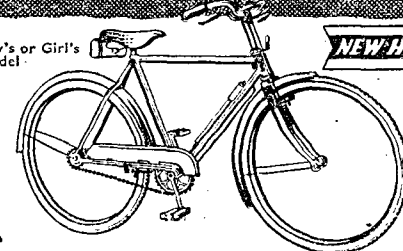
### RULES

1. This competition is open to all readers up to the age of 16. Separate prizes will be awarded in these three age groups:—1. Under 9 years old. 2. 9-12 years old. 3. 13-16 years old.
2. Make a picture by sticking on paper any number of the pieces that make the big words "JAFFA ORANGES", but don't cut into the black.
3. Fill in the Entry Form, giving your

age last birthday, and stick it on the back of your picture.

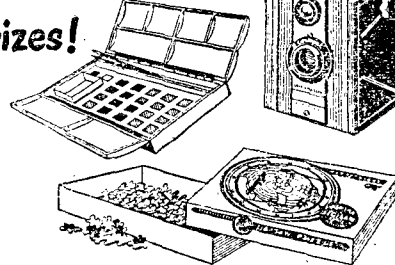
4. Any number of entries may be sent in. Three Jaffa orange wrappers must be sent with each entry—also a 2d stamp, if not a member of the Jaffa Fun Club. No entries can be returned.

5. All entries will be considered, and prizes will be awarded to those entries in each age group which the judges decide show the most skill and originality. All prize-winners will be notified



### 100's of Wonderful Prizes!

**3 First Prizes:** for each age group, the First Prize is a New Hudson Boy's or Girl's Bicycle, made by the B.S.A. group. **100 Second Prizes:** fifty wonderful Dufay Coronet Cameras for 9-12's, fifty more for 13-16's. **50 Winsor & Newton Paint Boxes:** Second Prizes for under 9's. **300 Third Prizes:** 100 Waddington Jigsaws for each age-group.



## FREE!

Everyone entering the competition wins membership of the **JAFFA FUN CLUB**

and will receive the Member's Pocket Book packed with fun and information, and a bright and colourful Funster's Badge. They're absolutely free—don't cost you anything except the 2d stamp for postage.



### ENTRY FORM

I agree to abide by the rules. I enclose 3 JAFFA orange wrappers. My age last birthday was

AGE

NAME (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

ADDRESS

If you are not already a member of the **JAFFA FUN CLUB** write 'NO' in this square and enclose a 2d stamp. Your entry entitles you to join the Club, FREE, and to receive the Member's Pocket Book and Funster's Badge.



## THE BRAN TUB

### BLACK AND BLUE

YOU have both black and blue socks in a drawer. If you went to fetch a pair in the dark what is the least number of socks you would have to take out to be sure of getting a pair of the same colour?

Three

### Who are they?

OVER the polished ballroom floor, They danced as in the days of yore; Their fingers gracefully entwined, Like \_\_\_\_\_

Answer next week

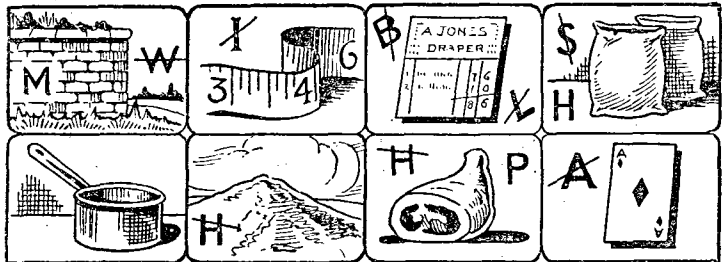
### Legal opinion

ABOUT 150 years ago a great lawyer was walking beside the ocean in deep thought. Somebody asked him what he was musing on.

"I was wondering," he replied, waving his hand to the sea, "that such an almost infinite and unwieldy element should produce a sprat."

### CAN YOU FIND THE CARPENTER'S TOOLS?

After solving these picture puzzles add two letters to each one. You will then find the names of eight woodworking tools. Answer next week



### BEDTIME CORNER

#### Mermaid's Ball

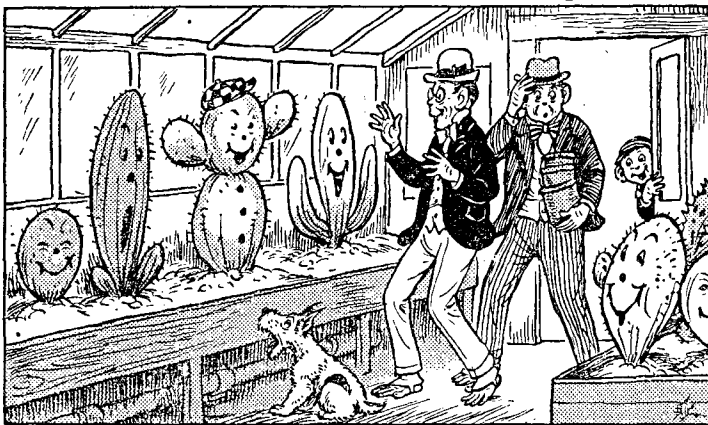
THE mermaids held a lovely ball. Under the sea in Neptune's Hall. Small fishes played their silvery scales, While dog-fish barked and wagged their tails. The crabs and lobsters, claw in claw, Waltzed slowly round the sandy floor, And Master Shrimp with wee Miss Winkle, Brought to each eye a merry twinkle. There was jelly and cream, with shells for plates, Mermaids had races on monstrous skates. A wonderful time was had by all Who went that night to the Mermaid's Ball.

#### DOG-SENSE



"Well, I'm only a puppy, but I must be a giant one if that is supposed to be the world!"

## JACKO HAD TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES



Father Jacko had some cactus plants of which he was very proud, so he invited Professor Pongo to come to see them. The Professor was noted for his wide knowledge of botany, and on seeing the plants he was just amazed. "How very remarkable. They are quite new to me!" he exclaimed. And they were quite new to Father Jacko, too! Jacko had a lot of explaining to do after the Professor had gone.

### What time . . .

. . . would it be if a cow was standing in the middle of a snow-covered field?

Winter-time

### Not worth his salt

IT has been known since at least Roman times that common salt is essential for healthy living and that perspiration causes considerable loss of salt in sweat.

Roman soldiers serving in hot countries often had small parcels of salt included in their pay. Alternatively, they were given money to buy salt—their salary, or salt money. This is where we get our word salary.

A soldier who did not do his duty properly was thought to be not worth his salt.

### All in Scotland

MY first is in Cupar, but not in Scone, My second in Rothesay but not in Troon, My third is in Girvan but not in Stranraer, My fourth is in Selkirk but not in Dunbar, My fifth is in Mull but not in Skye, My sixth is in Beith but not in Dalry, My last is in Tay but not in Tweed, Together, a large Scottish town you will read. Answer next week

### Good deliveries only

"I ORDERED a dozen eggs and you sent only eleven," complained the customer.

"Well, Ma'am," explained the grocer, "one was broken so I didn't bother."

### JUMBLE QUIZ

To find the answer to each clue rearrange the letters in the anagrams. Each solution begins with the letter H.

1. Name of two brothers, famous surgeons in the 18th century, one of whom is regarded as the founder of modern surgery. (THE RUN)

2. Roman emperor after whom the wall that protected England from raiding Picts and Scots was named. (AND HAIR)

3. The Western Islands off the coast of Scotland; they total about 500. (HIRE BEDS)

4. One of the great Elizabethan sea captain; a slave-trader; fought against the Spanish Armada, commanding a ship named Victory. (INK WASH)

Answer next week

### 3 D PUZZLE

Can you complete the following sentence with a word beginning with the letter D?

THE word — is generally used to — the Arabian one-humped camel from the Bactrian two-humped camel. Strictly speaking, it should be used to — between the Arabian camel trained and used for riding, and the camel used for carrying baggage.

Possible answers: Dromedary, distinguish, discriminate

### Irish

"YOUR Honour," said the foreman of the jury, "we find the man who stole the potatoes not guilty."

### From one word

FIVE letters have I, meaning old; Transpose, and I am stories told;

Transpose again, I'm drawn upon; Again, to do this act is wrong; Again, I'm tiniest you know; Behead, I show which way to go; Behead and transpose once again A word like "seated" will remain; Behead, a preposition lone; Curtail, an article alone.

What am I? Answer next week

### Reversible rhyme

In the following verse, the two missing words consist of the same letters but in reverse order. Thus, if you find one word you automatically have the other.

THE caravan lurched to a — Before the cottage door. There came a cry, as — and pans Went clattering to the floor.

siod 'dois

### FAMILIAR TREES

THE lofty larch is easily distinguished from other firs during the winter by its lack of foliage. Grown in the open, the larch resembles a green pyramid.



In forests and plantations it takes a different form. Absence of air and light causes the lower branches to die and they drop off, or are lopped by foresters. Thus the bare trunks shoot up to a great height, and look like a forest of poles.

The pale brown bark is thin and rough. During winter the leafless branches bear numerous upright cones. They are of a greyish-brown hue and are about an inch long.

In early Spring, larches don a mantle of pale green, needle-like tufts.

The timber is put to many uses, including ship-building, and the making of railway sleepers.

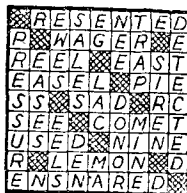
### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Two threes. Saturn, aspice, faggot, pippin, damage

Find another. Bolster

Nest of ants. Truant, ignorant, elegant, assistant, elephant, peasant, pheasant, want, pleasant, abundant, scant, cant

Jumble quiz. Calico, Gobelins, Caribaldi, German



# Free!

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